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HERITAGE BUILDINGS IN SIKKIM
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether disaster prone areas and high risk profile of Sikkim is a threat to the heritage buildings and monuments of the State;

(b) if so, the location-wise details of such buildings and monuments along with the steps taken by the Government for their protection;

(c) the amount allocated and expenditure incurred by the Government for protection of heritage buildings during the last five years;

(d) whether the Government has implemented any policy for disaster risk sensitive heritage conservation in regions vulnerable to natural hazards; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) Yes, Madam. The high intensity earthquake may effect all types of buildings in the State.

(b) The location-wise details of centrally protected monuments under Archaeological Survey of India in the State of Sikkim are as under:

1. Rabdentse site of ancient capital of Sikkim, West Sikkim, District West Sikkim

2. Dubdi Monastery, Kheochod Phalri, Yuksam, District West Sikkim

3. Coronation Throne of Norbugang near Yuksam, Kheochod Phalri, District West Sikkim

The Archaeological Survey of India has taken conservation mea- sures on Rabdentse site of ancient capital of Sikkim and Coronation Throne of Norbugang near Yuksam and both the monuments are well preserved. For Dubdi Monastery, damaged due to earthquake in the past, major conservation work has been started.

(c) The expenditure incurred by the Archaeological Survey of India for conservation and maintenance of centrally protected monuments in the State of Sikkim during the last five years is as under:

Rupees in lakhs

2009-10 84.90
2010-11 66.04
2011-12 22.41
2012-13 37.64
2013-14 35.60

(d)&(e) Archaeological Survey of India has its conservation policy but there is no separate policy with the Archaeological Survey of India for disaster risk sensitive heritage conservation. However care to the disaster prone areas is taken under the guidelines of conservation policy of protected monuments of Archaeological Survey of India.